



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Takahiro Tanioka

Serial No.: 09/854,556

Group Art Unit: 3621

Filed: May 15, 2001

Examiner: Backer, F.

For: DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING SYSTEM, METHOD OF THE SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a One (1) month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated October 27, 2003. A check that includes the extension fee of \$110.00 is attached. An Amendment responsive to the outstanding Office Action and an Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter are being filed simultaneously herewith.

The Commissioner is also authorized charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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